



Carolina School for Inquiry
Columbia, SC
January 4th, 2010

Carolina School for Inquiry - A Richland One Public Charter School

Monday Morning Quarterback

Weekly Note

Hello Upper Elementary families,

Happy New Year! Today is day 86. We have 94 days of school to go. We hope that everyone had a very refreshing and enjoyable Christmas break. The science fair will be in the beginning of February. The science fair info papers are being sent home today. **Please remember that it is mandatory for 5th graders to do a project!**

The first installment of your trip payment was due on December 11th. This trip is something that your child will never forget! **Please be collecting aluminum cans at home** to raise money for the trip. When you fill a trash bag of cans, bring it to school and throw it into Mr. Chris's red Ford pick-up truck. He will take the bags to the recycling center to earn money for the field trip. We will soon begin doing a bake sale on Fridays to raise money for the trip – more information to come.

We will be doing Dominie testing this week. Dominie testing is an individual reading assessment; it is one of the things that our school's progress is judged on. Encourage your child to take their time, do their best, and show how brilliant they really are! In math, science and social studies, we will continue with the topics that we were covering before we left for break. Once Dominie testing has wrapped up, we will begin a huge inquiry into non-fiction. This unit will take us about two-months to wrap up; it will include looking at non-fiction text features as well as writing informative 5 paragraph essays. Please feel free to stop in a check out what your child and the class are doing.

From now until the 2nd week in March we will be having a spelling test every Friday. The test will be on the 256 "No Excuse Words." There will be 25 or 26 words each week. We will keep record of the scores and there will be an incentive for those children that score 98% or better.

Please make sure that your child is bringing at least two pencils to school each day.

Please read, sign and return _____

Partners in Inquiry,

Damon  and Chris 

This Week at a Glance

- Reading - Dominie Testing
- Writing - Dominie Testing
- Social Studies - 4th= Slavery, 5th=Industrial Revolution
- Math - 4th and 5th= numbers and operations
- Science- 4th=Electricity/Light/Magnetism, 5th=Properties of Matter

HOMEWORK Read @ least 30min. nightly
CHECK & SIGN HOMEWORK BOOK SHEET DAILY!

Snacks for 01/05-01/08

Enrique & Justin
Chandra & Sarah

Snacks for 01/11-12/15

Alexandrea & Kennedie
Roderick & Joshua

Word Study Words

Prefix = fore-
Greek Root = ethno
Latin Root = miss/mitt

This week's spelling words

About, done, pretty, start, after, came, she, walk, again, car, got, love, open, so, want, all, could, had, make, our, some, was, always, call, first, many, sister

Coming Soon....

January 5 – First School Day of 2010

January 11 – End of 2nd nine weeks

January 18 – MLK Holiday

January 20 – Report Cards

January 27 – Early Dismissal

February 4&5 – Science Fair